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POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS OF  
USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2006 (Paper No. Mail Date 040206), for which a response was due on July 11, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 11, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.